(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of above satellites?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) yes, Sir. The Tenth Plan Projection of the Department of Space envisages building of seven satellites under Indian National Statellite System (INSAT-4) series by 2007.

(b) The transponder capacity is planned to be increased from 113 transponders, by the end of the INSAT-3 series of satellites, to about 250 transponders by the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan.

(c) The configuration of the first two satellites in the INSAT-4 series is being worked out.

National Institute for Animal Welfare

5398. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have established the National Institute for Animal Welfare;

(b) if so, the details thereof; State-wise;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to carry out a survey in all the States, including Rajasthan for early establishment of such Institute; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have sanctioned a sum of Rs. 7.55 crores involving non-recurring and recurring expenditure for construction of National Institute of Animal Welfare. The Institute is located on land measuring 8.5 acres in Ballabgarh, Haryana. The construction of the Institute was started in September 2001 with the stipulated date of completion as 30th June, 2002.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal in view of the foregoing position.